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SUBJECT: CCMS: APRIL 1973 PLENARY - PROPOSED TOXIC WASTE
DISPOSAL PROJECT

1. FRG DEL (MENKE- GLUCKERT) GAVE PRELIMINARY OUTLINED
OF FRG PLANS FOR DEVELOPING A PILOT STUDY PROPOSAL ON
DISPOSAL OF TOXIC OR " DANGEROUS" WASTES. FRG HAD BEEN
IN CONTACT WITH CERTAIN OF ITS LAENDER, AND WITH U. S.
EXPERTS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND HAD IN PREPARATION PAPER
SUMMARIZING AVAILABLE RECYCLING TECHNOLOGY AND SETTING
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FORTH POSSIBLE ASSESSMENT PROJECT ON RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES IN A PARTICULAR REGION OF THE FRG. THE PAPER ENVISAGED (POSSIBLE) COMPARISIONS OF A REGION OF VARIED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE FRG (SUCH AS BADE, WURTTEMBERG) WITH A SIMILAR U. S. LOCALITY. THE PAPER ALSO CONTEMPLATED UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF THE QUANTITY OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES IN A GIVEN REGION AS WELL AS OF AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES FOR WASTE DISPOSAL WITH AN EYE TOWARDS DEVELOPING A PATTERN OF INCENTIVES TO INDUSTRY IN THIS REGARD.

2. THE FRG INTENDS TO CALL A MEETING OF EXPERTS TO TAKE PLACE IN STUTTGART IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO DEVELOP THIS PILOT STUDY CONCEPT FURTHER FOR FORMAL INTRODUCTION AT FALL 1973 CCMS PLENARY. MEANWHILE THE FRG REQUESTED FROM ALLIED DELEGATIONS INFORMATION ON EXISTING LEGISLATION GOVERNING HAZARDOUS WASTES PLUS COMPLETE DETAILS ON RECYCLING CENTER OPERATIONS OF THESE MATERIALS IN EACH COUNTRY. THE FRG EXPECTED TO HAVE A FINAL DRAFT PROPOSAL READY FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SEPTEMBER EXPERTS MEETING.

3. IN COMMENTING ON FRG PROPOSAL CHAIRMAN TRAIN WELCOMED FRG INITIATIVE AND CITED RECOGNITION IN U. S. OF DANGERS OF INCREASING QUANTITIES OF HAZARDOUS WASTES. HE NOTED NEED FOR GOVERN- MENTS TO ADDRESS GROWING PROBLEM OF TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF LIMITATIONS NOW BEING PLACED ON USING AIR, INLAND WATERS AND OCEANS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. HE REFERRED TO CURRENT EPA STUDIES FOR COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES IN U. S. AND MENTIONED ADMINISTRATION' S PROPOSED HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1973. HE SAID U. S. THOUGHT PROJECT VALUABLE AND TIMELY AND WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PREPARATORY MEETING WITH VIEW DEVELOPING PROPOSAL FURTHER AND DECIDING UPON SPECIFIC U. S. ROLE. HE STATED U. S. WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE TO CCMS COUNTRIES COPY OF UPCOMING CEQ REPORT
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ON RESOURCE RECOVERY TECHNOLOGY.

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5. UK DELEGATE SAID UK WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT DISCUSSIONS. HE NOTED LAST YEAR' S PARLIMAMENTARY ACT TO CONTROL LAND DISPOSAL OF WASTES AND CITED " KEY REPORT" ON TOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL AND " SUMNER REPORT" ON REFUSE DISPOSAL. COTTRELL SAID HE WOULD MAKE THESE REPORTS AVAILABLE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES. CANADA STATED IT SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF SUCH A PROJECT AND EXPRESSED DESIRE PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT TALKS, MENTIONING THEY ARE PREPARING ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS ACT LIKE U. S.

6. DENMARK, LUXEMBOURG, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL, NORWAY ALL VOICED INTEREST IN PROJECT. FRANCE EXPRESSED INTEREST AND ASKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF PROPOSAL BEFORE DECIDING ON PARTICIPATION.

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, FRG REP STATED THAT FRG HAD INFORMED EC OF ITS INTENTION TO LAUNCH THIS NEW PILOT STUDY IN CCMS.
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